



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A CROSSLINKED PHASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 43 and 44 as follows:

43. A composition according to claim 20, wherein (A) is a copolymer made from ethylene/methyl acrylate/glycidyl methacrylate and, (B) is a copolymer made from ethylene/ethyl acrylate/maleic anhydride.

44. A composition according to claim 43, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from  $\alpha,\omega$ -amino carboxylic acid or ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

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